



**Green Bay Diocese Cursillo  
Fall 2025 Newsletter #2  
Women's weekend # 272 will take place at  
St. Francis Xavier Middle School, Appleton  
November 6th – 9th**

### **SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR REFLECTION**

De Colores my brothers and sisters in Christ!

One of the things that I've come to appreciate and pay closer attention to is the Cursillo Prayer Chain. I have to admit that after I lived my Cursillo I felt a little overwhelmed with the email that showed up every day. That's when I decided to place a filter on my inbox and set up a special folder for Cursillo prayers. As a Spiritual Director, I feel it is important that I offer a prayer for these requests each day. Praying for others kind of goes with the job.

Recently, we have had reason to request prayer for our family. It felt different, asking others to pray for us. I mean, I know that prayer is important, but I'm the one who does the praying. I was almost too embarrassed to ask for prayers. For those who've been praying for us, thank you.

I'm a fan of Contemporary Christian Music, and I often find myself listening to and/or watching YouTube videos. One of my "go to" videos is "Different" by Micah Tyler. If you watch the Official Music Video you'll hear an introduction about why he wrote the song. He expresses all of the tragedy that has happened, and how he's changed the way he prays. Oftentimes our prayer requests are to have God change a circumstance in our, or someone else's, life. Micah has started praying a "different" prayer, asking that God changes him, helping him to handle these difficult moments. It has drawn him closer to God, and that my friends is what prayer is all about.

My final advice: Keep sending in your prayer requests; don't be afraid or embarrassed to ask for prayer; and think about praying in a "different" kind of way.

Blessings,

Deacon Todd Raether

## CURSILLO COORDINATOR MESSAGE

De Colores!

As a volunteer for the Paine Art Museum, I've had the recent pleasure of being a part of their Nature of Lights show. It's a fabulous nighttime exhibit featuring sculptures and lights. Some of the sculptures are large and impressive, but more stunning to me are the ones that are small to look at, but when you add light to them in the darkness, they throw beautiful patterns onto the walls and ground around them due to the many openings in the sculpture. The lightbulb and the metal angular structure with the small cut outs, simple on their own, together becomes an impressive visual masterpiece. I hope you had a chance to see it yourself!

We have many examples from God of the beauty of his creation when light is added. The simple rising and setting of the sun can be a colorful painting of a master artist. A ray of light after a storm can produce a colorful rainbow. Jesus' own birth was announced by a star in the sky. When He came into the world He brought light to a world of darkness.

In Fall the day darkens slowly as we get less and less sunlight each day. We may feel that our world mirrors this darkening in recent events. We need to not be discouraged by that darkness. We need to continue to be that light for each other, to look for that light in others, and use that light to follow the path laid before us.

We all have people in our life who have been that light for us in moments of darkness. It might be a parent when we went through an illness, a neighbor who came to support us in a crisis, a stranger, whose smile and words of encouragement pulled us out of a dark mood. My Cursillo friends I've met through my fourth day have been that light for me. They encourage me every day with their deep faith in God in the midst of their trials. In times of crisis, I have their support and encouragement. We all need these people of light in our life. We all need to be that light for others as well.

In every tabernacle around the world there is a candle burning brightly next to it, announcing God's presence among us. When we receive Him in the Eucharist, that light is in us. Our actions can then reflect that light out to those around us. As it says in Matthew 5:14-16:

*You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and then put it under a bushel basket; it is set on a lampstand, where it gives light to all in the house. Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father.*

Just like that sculpture I mentioned is magnified in beauty when the light is put inside it, we can reflect God's light in our unique way to those around us. May God continue to put us in the path of light as we strive to live in Grace.

Warmest Regards and Blessings,

Jill Heacock

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Our October collection will benefit the food pantry of St. Vincent DePaul of Appleton. St. Vincent de Paul is a Catholic lay organization that brings people together to grow in spirituality through face-to-face services to neighbors in need. Please consider bringing a cash donation or any of the items listed below to the business meeting and closing of Women's Cursillo #272 on October 5 th at St. Francis Xavier Middle School in Appleton. Bins will be located at the entrance for you to drop your donation. Food items that are graciously accepted include:

Peanut butter	Canned Soup	Canned Fruit
Canned Vegetables	Canned Stew	Canned Fish
Canned Beans	Pasta	Rice
Breakfast Cereal	Baking Mixes	Instant Potatoes
Dried Fruit	Canned Juices	Pudding/Jello

• Please • No glass items • Check the expiration date •

**Items collected on November 9, 2025 will benefit  
The Appleton St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry**

Contact Sally Gruber at [grubersonelm@aol.com](mailto:grubersonelm@aol.com) or (920) 989-2671 for more information.

Help Wanted: Current Openings

**Communications chair.** This position would sit on the board of the Secretariat and be a liaison between each parish ambassador and the Secretariat. Their primary responsibilities would be sending out reminders before Cursillo weekends to get information into the bulletins, and helping to maintain the list of current ambassadors. They will also be the primary contact for any ads or other communication to the public about Cursillo. Basic computer skills are necessary.

Other positions we are looking for:

**Parish ambassadors:** Be the contact for your parish. Make sure information is put into your bulletin and be ready to answer questions about the upcoming weekends, sponsors, other general cursillo questions.

**Printing help:** For years Randy Barrett has done the printing of our Study Guides, name badges, and other Cursillo literature. Unfortunately he is now retired and we no longer have that capability. If you own or work in an office with color printing abilities, please consider helping us with our printing needs.

**Website committee:** We are in the beginning stages of updating our website. If you have experience with web design or even fresh ideas for our update, **we need your help!**

If you have any questions about these open positions or about the Secretariat in general, please feel free to reach out to any one of us. You can find our contact information on the orange button link on any Prayer Chain email, or you can email Jill Heacock at [jillheacock66@gmail.com](mailto:jillheacock66@gmail.com) or call 920-470-0566.

Cursillo #272 Dates: Nov.6-9, 2025 Location: St. Francis Xavier Middle School, Appleton		
Rector: Annette Hoslet Ph: (920) 621-1320	Spiritual Advisor: Deacon Rick Hocking Phone: (920) 420-6912	
Vice Rector: Kristin Russell Ph: (314) 401-3297	Spiritual Advisor: Deacon Dan Wagnitz Phone: (920) 606-2090	
	Proctor (kitchen) Kelly Watras Phone: (920) 268-2818	
EMERGENCY PHONE #S Kristin Russell (314) 401-3297 Carol Miller (920) 475-5372		
Set-up Date: Thursday, Nov. 6 Set-up Start Time 3:30 p.m.		
SET-UP CHAIRPERSONS Bill and Jen Van Nuland (920) 636-3804		
FRANCIS XAVIER MIDDLE SCHOOL ADDRESS 2626 N ONEIDA ST. APPLETON 54911 Candidate drop off is Door #4, Kitchen Entrance is Door #7 & Palanca Chapel Entrance is Door #1 (Main School Entrance on Oneida St.)		
THURSDAY NIGHT CHAIRPERSON Kay Weins Ph: (920) 475-6460 TIME: 6:00 p.m.		
FRIDAY CHAIRPERSON Kim Gindt (Breakfast and Lunch) Ph: (920) 850-4326 Debbie and Scott Fabel (Dinner) (920) 378-0012		
Breakfast 7:45 a.m. Lunch 12:00 p.m. Dinner 5:00 p.m.		
SATURDAY CHAIRPERSON(S) Gerry Janssen (Breakfast) Ph: (920) 422-1472 Carrie and Doug Heitpas (Agape Meal and Dinner) Ph: (920) 450-0789		
Breakfast 7:00 a.m. Agape Meal 12:30 p.m. Dinner 6:15 p.m.		
SUNDAY CHAIRPERSON Kim Gindt (Breakfast and Lunch) Ph: (920) 850-4326 Kelly and Richard Wagner (Dinner) Ph: (715) 281-2819		
Breakfast 7:30 a.m. Lunch 11:30 p.m. Dinner 5:30 p.m.		
CLEANUP CHAIRPERSONS Bill and Jen Van Nuland (920) 636-3804		